**Amendments in the Constitution**

†209. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:
SHRl SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the words secular and socialist had been included in the Constitution during the period of emergency;

(b) whether the fundamental rights were suspended at that time; and

(c) whether Government are contemplating to reivew the justification of these words continuing in the present scenario?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRl H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Modernisation and infrastructure development of courts**

210. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated for modernization and infrastructural development of lower courts. High Courts and the Supreme Court during the Tenth and Eleventh Five Year Plans, Plan-wise;

(b) whether the allocated funds are sufficient to meet the requirement; and

(c) if so, whether Governement are actively considering to enhance the amount; if so. the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) An outlay of Rs. 700 crore was approved for Department of Justice for the Tenth Five Year Plan. The component-wise allocation is given below:

| | (Rs. in crore) |
|---|---|
| (i) Computerisation of High Courts and city courts | 64.40 |
| (ii) Development of infrastructure facilities for judiciary | 530.00 |
| (iii) Construction of High Courts | 100.00 |
| (iv) National Judicial Academy | 5.60 |

Allocation for Eleventh Five Year Plan has not been finalised so far.

(b) and (c) Do not arise as the allocation for Eleventh Five Year Plan has not been finalized.

**Appointment of Judges in High Courts**

211. SHRl THENNALAG. BALAKRISHN A PILLAI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state the total number of judges appointed in High Courts during the last-three years High Court Bench-wise?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): A Statement is given below:

***Statement***

*Number of judges appointed in High Courts*

| SI.No. | High Court | Number of vacancies filled the year | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 (till 6.8.2007 |
| 1. | Allahabad | 16 | 17 | 10 | - |
| 2. | Andhra Pradesh | - | 5 | 6 | - |
| 3. | Bombay | *5* | 5 | 8 | 1 |
| 4. | Calcutta | 5 | - | 16 | - |
| 5. | Chhattisgarh | 3 | 2 | - | - |
| 6. | Delhi | 5 | 2 | 12 | 2 |
| 7. | Gauhati | 6 | - | 6 | 1 |
| S. | Gujarat | 7 | 3 | - | - |
| 9. | Himachal Pradesh | 1 | 2 | | 3 |
| 10. | Jammu & Kashmir | 1 | 3 | - | - |
| II. | Jharkhand | 1 | - | 4 | - |
| 12. | Karnataka | 2 | 4 | 4 | 5 |
| 13. | Kerala | 8 | 2 | - | 5 |
| 14. | Madhya Pradesh | 7 | 12 | *5* | 2 |
| 15. | Madras | - | 17 | 7 | 4 |
| 16. | Orissa | 5 | - | 1 | 1 |
| 17. | Patna | 4 | 4 | 13 | 2 |
| 18. | Punjab & Haryana | 8 | - | 13 | 2 |
| 19. | Rajasthan | 6 | 8 | | 7 |
| 20. | Sikkim | I | - | - | - |
| 21. | Uttarakhand | 4 | - | 1 | - |
| | TOTAL: | 95 | 86 | 110 | 35 |

**High Court bench at Thiruvananthapuram**

212. SHRI THENNALAG BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to set up a High Court Bench at Thiruvananthapuram;

(b) if so, the details thereof: and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) to (c) Proposal for setting up of a Bench of the High Court is considered on receipt of a complete proposal from the State Government in consultation with the Chief Justice of the High Court. Though the Government of Kerala has requested for setting up a Bench of the Kerala High Court at Thiruvananthapuram. it has not sent a complete proposal in consultation with the Chief Justice of the Kerala High Court.